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SUBJECT:ILO REPORT ON DANGERS OF CARTEL ACTION TO RAW  
MATERIALS PRODUCERS

1. MAY 6 NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES FOLLOWING ARTICLE DATE-  
LINED GENEVA, MAY 5: QUOTE. THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR  
ORGANIZATION, A UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCY, WARNED  
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TODAY THAT ATTEMPTS TO FORCE UP  
THE PRICES OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS THROUGH CARTELS CAN BE  
AS HARMFUL TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AS TO THE INDUSTRIAL  
POWERS. IN A STUDY ON THE MINING INDUSTRY THE ILO NOTED  
THE TREND AMONG MINERAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW THE  
EXAMPLE SET BY THE OIL-EXPORTING NATIONS BY ESTABLISHING  
CARTELS AND ASSUMING CONTROL OVER THEIR TIN, BAUXITE,  
COPPER, IRON ORE AND OTHER MINING INDUSTRIES. BUT IT  
STRESSED THAT SUCH A MOVE AS THE CUTBACK IN THE PRODUCTION  
OF RAW MATERIALS THAT IS SOMETIMES CONTEMPLATED AS MEANS  
OF ACHIEVING HIGHER PRICES WAS "FRAUGHT WITH UNCERTAINTIES"  
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AND COULD CAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT IN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING

COUNTRIES ALIKE. UNQUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS ARTICLE BASED ON BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION (E.G., GENERAL REPORT NO. 1) PREPARED FOR CURRENT ILO MEETING ON NON-COAL MINERALS MINING. COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, BUT GIVEN HIGH INTEREST IN RAW MATERIALS AND MINERALS ISSUES DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON ANY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT MATTER OF NYT ARTICLE WITHIN ILO MEETING, AND OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS ANY COMMENTS OR EVALUATION MISSION MAY WISH MAKE. KISSINGER

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